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It's O in the spring that birdies mate.
When old folks a d and young folks prate;
For Love will come, though Love be late,
And lassles and lads will gang their gate.

It's O in the sering that hirdles mate, When old falks and and young falks prate; For Lores will some its such Lores to jate, And leasing and lade will gang their gate.

NARRATIVE OF A NIGHT.

A darker night than that which

coast of the Island of Mirdamao, I had saldom seen.

Occasionally, however, a rig-rag lightning-dash would play about her ugly-looking jury-masts, and reveal her ragged stump of a jib-boom, forward. Having boon damaged by a tempest, in which she lost her captain and her mate, her distress signal had been answered by our ship, the sloop-of-war C ngrees, a few days before the present time, and as there was no one aboard capable of navigating her, our captain had put me in charge of her with a few mon, and Mr. Shelburne, a passed-midahipman of eighteen, to convey her to Manilla, her destination. She was a Spanish vessel, and as besides a large amount of gold and a valuable cargo, she raried a few a valuable cargo, she rried a few passengers, among whom were women and children. I realized to the full

the responsibility of my position.

Now, as I walked the deck, the breeze freshened, and a distant meaning sound foretole a galo, if not a hurricane.

Far astern I could just make out the light of our sloop, dipping with the awell, and the sight afforded me some consolation. The Captala had promised to hover in our vicinity until we were well past Mindanso, lest we be pounced upon by some of the formidable Mindanson pirates that were known to have hiding-places in the caverus and rocky bays along the coast.

shot:

"Of course it is! Do your duty, sir!

"Ay, ay, sir," he replied; and he soon got some of the hands to clear away the hamper that obstructed the deck.

Meanwhile there was the pirate banging away, as if he had not a moment to spare, and down went our fore jury-mast, falling over the side in a slow and easy sort of fashion, for all

Suddenly one of the rig-rag flashes of lightning I have mentioned showed me the dark, excited visages of the Spanish seamen forward, and also of some of my own men, as they stood peering and pointing, while the hourse velce of the coslook was, the next moment, berne to my ears.

"Sail ho!"

"Where away?" I shouted.

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Shelburne came running up to me and touched his cap.

"Excuse me, Lieutenant." he said, me tout I had as good a view of that the craft as the brief fiash would permit, and I believe her to be some pirate whose Captain has probably heard from Manilla people that this vessel has gold aboard of her, and thinks he will have a chance to take some of it

chipman. As he turned away and walked ever to lesward, the wind rose mer to a howl, the white foam of the waters

rea of spring re gleamed through the dawiness, and, with the gale new off our weather quarter, we tore along at a rapid rate.

The main-mast, my tallest spar, was recry weak, and when at length a rather heavy sea set the ship to rolling or heavy sea set the ship to rolling and plunging. I feared every moment

to see it go by the board.

Meanwhile I had been watching the distant schooner by the electric gleams that still broke occasionally over the waters. She was as sharp as a sword-fish, had a suspicious look, and I soon And lassies and lads will gang their gate.

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She was not a mile distant, and with the aid of a powerful night glass, to-gether with that afforded by the light-ning, I soon beheld her crew—as fierce a looking set of rascals as ever manned It was the er'ning shadows that were manting lawless craft, for that she was a pirate

lawess craft. for that she was a pirate there new was no room to doubt.

Ay, there on her deck they were, about sixty tall, robust follows, armed with daggers. kreeses and pistols, thrust in sashes about their loose trousers, with their open jackets above flying back from their brawny bosoms, and the root was a superstant to the root was the root was a superstant to the root was a superstant to the root was the root was the root was a superstant to the root was th shift come the table of the same and half will grang their gate topmy meeting, and the miller rated at antisetions farmer boy who teem is stood by:

In solve and kinese are the miller was saved, and their low, broad foreneads way from their powers on a side and one forward—looking ugly enough to annoy me when I consider that aboard this bulk of a merchant ship there was only one old twelve-pounder, and also when I remembered having heard that the Mindanayans make good seamen and income how to handle their pieces like trained counters.

and know how to handle their pieces like trained gunners.

The schooner was sunning along close to the wind, but she walked up almost into its very teeth, and I believed that the next tack would enable her to reach us, which her captain was evidently in a hurry to do, as the gale was now howling, and the thunder rat-tling over our heads in a way which boded a heavy tempest. Presently I saw Miss Melton come

up from the cabin. She looked alarmed on hearing the frequent repetition of on hearing the frequent repetition of the word "pirates" among our men, and I was somewhat nettled to see her go over to the side of my midshipman, as if he were the one on whom her sal-vation depended. My orders were quickly gives, the ship was get round, and away we went on the starboard tack. Then there came a foreible reminder to us from our purso casily, in the shape of an eight-pound shot, which, after victously knocking a chip from the cabin-house almost into my eye, went buzzing on, and neatly took off the mizzen jurymast, bringing down hamper and all rattling about Miss Melton's cars, with

a flying rope whipping the feather from her hat as cleanly as if it were cut off with a knife. As the flapping canvas almost dashed her off her feet she shricked, and then I saw She burne netually put his arms around her, and almost carry her to the companionway, gently requesting her to go below, out of danger.

"Oh!" she softly cried—"and you?"
"My place is on deck," he gently
reswered; and then this is what I said
—and I rattled it out like a musket
shot:

sight was exasperating, and, as soon us the wreck was cleared away I got the old twelve-pounder into position, and at the next lightning-flash, gave the order to fire.

With a loud metalic ding-dong, the plece at once exploited, and when I saw how the men scrambled and tumbled over one another, in their necessary haste to escape the flying fragments, which did not go within four feet of Sheburne came running up to me and touched his cap.

"Excuse me, Lieutenant," he said, "but I had as good a view of that craft as the brief fissh would permit, and I believe her to be some pirate whose Captain has probably heard from Manilla people that this vessel has gold aboard of her, and thinks he will have a chance to take some of it fee in her before our sloop can come to our aid. Would it not be best, sir, to wear ship and make a straight wake for the Congress?"

I looked at the midshipman's handsome face, at his carnest bine eyes, gleaming in the light of the binnacle lamp, and answered him, I fear, very gruffly, for I was not at all pleased at having this youngster making suggestions to me.

"She may not be a pirate. When I want your optnion, sir, I will ask you for it. Be not so ready to imagine danger."

My manner hurt him, and he hastened to add:

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"I could not keep smilling at his youth full readlesses in first mentioning him to thought I was not surprised. For I, too—a bind mail-or-of-dat sea. Lieutenant of thit;" had been in pressed by the wonderful beauty of this young lady of sixteen.

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"WRECKERS OF HIGH PRICES."

"No, no, Lleutevant; you are com-mander here! Better I should take the risk!"

by getting up canvass on the stumps the line of the road sites of my masts I was enabled to clude and fishing camps. her for some time, but at last I heard the yells of her rascally crew close on

oue starboard quarter.

I got my fifteen men roady for combut, though knowing a combut would be hopeless. Shelburne, however, grasping his sword, stood there like a young ilon, prepared to fight to the death, and my other brave fellows from the sloop bere a promising aspect, with their set teeth and flam ing eyes. A few more seas brought the pirate craft nearly alongside of us, and already her force, well-armed men were crowding up, ready to board us, while others, with ropes having grappling-irons at the ends, were about to make fast to us, whon sud-denly there came a brund, bright flash, followed by a roor as of a hun-dred thunders, and the schooner, but

fiash, followed by a roar as of a hundred thunders, and the schooner, shattered to fragments by the heavy shot that went crashing through her light timbers, disappeared from our sight, the last despairing yells of her mained and drowning crew rising wildly above the howling of the gale. The next moment, like some black, winged glant, our sloop-of-war came bursting from the thick rack which had concealed her approach, and, booming along over the ruin she had made, passed us, while the clear trumpet ring of her captain's voice broke upon my ears:

back, and feeting that I mid not a mo-ment to spare. I was about to pick up the lastern and spring into the rigging myself, when Shelburne, seizing it, -Y. Ledger.

The Age of Electricity.

The century which is rapidly draw-Ere I could object he was mounting in the rigging of that perilous. waying the age of steam; that which will soon must, heedless of the frequent shots from the pirate.

prevent my discerning with my night-glass the pirate schooner, still in pur-suit of us. I could percoive that she had leat her ill-become as well as one. It is his business by thus pene-nad fixedness of purposes are the elehad lost hor jib-boom as well as one tically testing the varying structions of her sails in the late tempests, and of different localities to discover along the line of the road situs for hunting

AND SO IT GOES.

thinking of you that very second."

and wondering if I hadn't better commit suicide. You spoke to me in a kindly way, and we began to talk. Do

sharp eleven."

He passed on, and the other sat for some minutes in deep thought. All of a sudden he rose up and looked after

the vanished man and exclaimed: "Yes, but he didn't even offer to re turn my \$20, without interest!"-N. Y.

EASILY DISCOURAGED.

the rigging of that perilous, awaying mast, heedless of the frequent shots from the pirate.

I watched him anxiously. He soon of a since the tenter to attract the attention of the stoop-of-war.

A moment later a shot struck the top-gallant-mast a splinter shattered the lantern, and I believed the youth would be lost but ere the spar went over, he dropped as lightly as a falcon into the topmast shrouds below, and the salid, hand over hand, down a backung to the decks.

The pirates now stopped firing. The thunder too, had ceased to been in the darkened heavens and the lightning no longer flashed. There was something ominous, it seemed to me, in their sudden cessation. Nor was I mistaken, for all at once the tempest broke upon us with such terrific furly that for several minutes I thought it would sink us.

It quickly passed to beeward, however, although it still blew a hard gale, and there was a rather rough sea. I I could no longer make out the sloop-of-war's light, for now black masses of flying rack sbrouded masses of flying rack sbrouded seased to request should be considered and quicker than the present one. Savannah News.

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The thunder too, had ceased to been in the frequent with the struck of the irreduction of the rould read to make the pride of the rule rough sea. I I could no longer make out the stoop-of-war's light, for now black masses of flying rack sbrouded shapes and the dargen and the thought of winning it without working for it bilinds the eyes of the weak to their own good. There is no weak to their own good. There is no weak to their own good. There is no weak to their own good to the last the sum of the stockes of not a few in the command success. Sum the command success. Sum the reduction problems will be two in the stoop of the point of the same fine the state of the intented to the stoop of the sum of the real reductions problems and the price of the real reductions problems and the last was from the sum of t Meanwhile there was the pirate banging away, as if he had not a moment to spare, and down went our fore jury-mast, falling over the side in a slow and easy sort of fashion, for all the world like an invalid gentleman in his night-gown, going to bed. The sich the size and severed was not yet so "thick" as to prevent my discerving with my night-gown, going to bed. The sight was exasperating, and, as soon the size a separating and, as soon the size a separating and the size as soon the size as soo ments which a young man need, who goes out to battle for a place in the world.—American Groger.

"Well! Well!" he exclaimed, as he halted while crossing Union square the other morning and shook hands with a man sitting on the bouch, "but I was thinking of you that very second."

"You!" Revelations Which Leave on Leeffaceable Stamp on One's Life. "Yes!"
"It was just such a morning as this the Matterborn and the Jungfrau are "It was just such a morning as this three years ago when we sat on this very same beach. Do you remember the portions to intrude; but on time sublime heights the light grances and llugers as if there it found its home and disclosed all the miracle of its revealing power. For in the light on finds the only revelation of the mount you remember?"

'Ob. yes."

'I told you I was a struggling young actor, and that circumstances had downed me. I was pounless and without hope. You reached over and took my hand. Remember?"

'Oh, yes."

And you spoke kind words. You had up all my courses and within a thousand miles of the was within a thousand miles of the was within a thousand miles of the ains; it is the light which discloses their visible; one would not have known that he was within a thoesand miles of the Jungfrau. It was a clear, star-lit even-ing, but between these great black hills it seemed strangely dark and solemn. There was to be a moon later, and we sat on one of the balconies of the hotel and waited for its coming. Presently the lights about us were extinguished; one by one the house became dark, and the little town be came silent. Then upon-the solitude of the midnight a wonderful vision slowly graw. The sky to the cast began to grow brighter, and through the mount ain gorge directly in front—the hills on either side remaining in dense shadow—a mountain defined itself as in the sublime silence of the creative hour. The light fell on one snowy ridge after another, touched successivity planacle after planacle, traced

indeed, remote, stainless, sublimely beautiful in a most which seemed

rather of the spirit than of the form. It was one of those revelations which leave an ineffaceable stamp on one's

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